

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

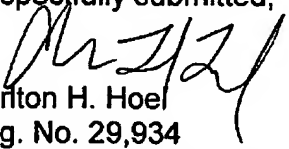
Claims 1-5 are pending in the application; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claims 1-5 were rejected as anticipated by Das.

Applicant replies that Das does not suggest a layered coding as required by the claims. In fact, Das column 10, lines 16-23 is explicitly not a layered coder.

The filing receipts for the cross-referenced applications filed 04/19/2005 have not yet been received, so the application numbers are not yet known.

Respectfully submitted,



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